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METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM

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Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-66982, together with an English language Abstract and partial English language translation of the same;
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Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-259393, together with an English language Abstract and partial English language translation of the same.

The relevance of each document, as ascertained by the Japanese Examiner apply Japanese law and the Japanese claims, are set forth in the Notice of Reasons for Rejection.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to
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Respectfully Submitted,
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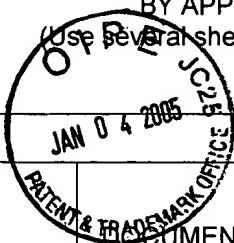
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